

**Introduced by Senator Anderson**

February 4, 2016

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An act to amend Section 4202 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 952, as introduced, Anderson. Pharmacy technicians: licensure requirements.

The Pharmacy Law provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law authorizes the California State Board of Pharmacy to issue a pharmacy technician license to an individual if that individual is a high school graduate or possesses a general educational development certificate equivalent and has obtained an associate's degree in pharmacy technology, completed a specified course of training, graduated from a specified school of pharmacy, or is certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

This bill would substitute for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board a pharmacy technician certifying organization offering a pharmacy technician certification program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies that is approved by the California State Board of Pharmacy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4202 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1     4202. (a) The board may issue a pharmacy technician license  
2 to an individual if he or she is a high school graduate or possesses  
3 a general educational development certificate equivalent, and meets  
4 any one of the following requirements:

5     (1) Has obtained an associate's degree in pharmacy technology.

6     (2) Has completed a course of training specified by the board.

7     (3) Has graduated from a school of pharmacy recognized by  
8 the board.

9     (4) Is certified by ~~the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.~~  
10 *a pharmacy technician certifying organization offering a pharmacy*  
11 *technician certification program accredited by the National*  
12 *Commission for Certifying Agencies that is approved by the board.*

13     (b) The board shall adopt regulations pursuant to this section  
14 for the licensure of pharmacy technicians and for the specification  
15 of training courses as set out in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).  
16 Proof of the qualifications of any applicant for licensure as a  
17 pharmacy technician shall be made to the satisfaction of the board  
18 and shall be substantiated by any evidence required by the board.

19     (c) The board shall conduct a criminal background check of the  
20 applicant to determine if an applicant has committed acts that  
21 would constitute grounds for denial of licensure, pursuant to this  
22 chapter or Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 480) of Division  
23 1.5.

24     (d) The board may suspend or revoke a license issued pursuant  
25 to this section on any ground specified in Section 4301.

26     (e) Once *an individual* is licensed as a pharmacist, the pharmacy  
27 technician registration is no longer valid and the pharmacy  
28 technician license shall be returned to the board within 15 days.